

Fairfax City Trails Subcommittee

April 26, 2012

City Hall

Members In attendance: Esther Nasjleti, Jeff, Hermann, Douglas Stewart

Staff present: Gregg Tonge, Leslie Hermann, Kelly O'Brien

Guests: Bill Niedringhaus, Kris Unger

March minutes were approved by acclamation. We need to ratify January minutes at the May meeting.

Bill Niedringhaus of Fairfax Trails and Streams discussed his proposal to connect the gap in cross County Trail between Thaiss Park and Oakmarr. It would cover the Willcoxon Trail, George Snyder Trail to 123 and then have a trail along 123 to Jermantown.

Bill and some subcommittee members voiced concerns about impediments to building the Snyder Trail – neighborhood concerns seem to be holding it up. We may need to advocate within the city to speed up this process. Discussed options for extending trail along 123.

Bill has volunteers who could clear the trail and build bridges. The city does not have committed funds to build the trail.

Kris Unger of Lands and Waters was introduced. Lands and Waters will be doing a project at Daniels Run for Trails Day. Lands and Waters is working with 10 schools in the DC area. Does a lot of service projects like this, working with DC Cares to recruit volunteers. Discussed and agreed to have their project start at 9 instead of 10 and making this the “cleanup” project as advertised in the flyer for 9:00. The ideal volunteer numbers for the project are 20-30.

Jeff needs to get some “after” pictures for the trail improvement display. Will work with Leslie on.

Leslie has gotten some picture submissions for the photo contest. Still need our 3 judges. Leslie will follow up with Toby.

Esther proposes to change the time of the meeting to 7:00 PM. The proposal was approved. We will move to this schedule starting at May meeting.

Esther reported on some recent happenings:

- Old Town – Vienna Metro Saturday bike rides
- Ashby Pond opening on April 21

Subcommittee discussed recent incidents on city and county trails and how we can help allay fears. One suggestion was to include trail safety tips in Leisure Times. Leslie will discuss with Mike. We could also coordinate these messages with the StreetSmart Campaign, which runs in the spring and fall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02.